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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
TAKESHI SAITO ET AL : EXAMINER: FERRIS, D. W.
SERIAL NO: 09/389,469 :
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FOR: COMMUNICATION NODE AND :
PACKET TRANSFER METHOD :

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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed October 9, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1 and 14 as shown in the attached marked-up copy to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A communication node comprising:
- means for dividing a packet to be transmitted into segments to form a plurality of packet segments;
- means for selecting an error correction scheme from among a plurality of error correction schemes to be employed for each of the packet segments in accordance with error resistance of each of the packet segments;